

2009 MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION ITEMS RELATED TO HEALTH CARE REFORM

NOTE: *Master Study Resolution topics below have been assigned to the committees shown in italics. All assignments are tentative until formal requests for study are made by interim committees and the Legislative Management Committee gives it final approval. Many of these items fall within the purview of the Health System Reform Task Force.*

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

1. Anesthesiologist Assistants - to study the licensing of anesthesiologist assistants (Julie Fisher). *[Bus/Labor]*
9. Hospital Lien Law - to study whether to prohibit hospitals from filing liens under certain circumstances (H.B. 135) (King). *[Bus/Labor]*
63. Ambulance Issues - to study intermodal facility transport and licensing (2nd Sub. H.B. 273) (Hughes). *[Health and Human Services]*
100. Ambulance Service and 9-1-1 - to study 9-1-1 and an interfacility ambulance service (Noel). *[Law Enforcement]*

HEALTH CARE REFORM

68. Digital Health Communities - to study whether to authorize at least one area of the state to develop a digital health community pilot project to implement the use of digital health records and other technology-based health care exchanges to promote effective health care, increase patient safety, eliminate errors, and reduce health care costs (Menlove). *[Health and Human Services]*
70. Health Policy Options - to study changing health policies in Utah (McCoy). *[Health and Human Services]*
71. Health Reform Impacts - to study how changes in federal health policy dovetail or impact health care reform efforts in Utah (Chavez-Houck). *[Health and Human Services]*
73. Hospital Emergency Services - to study incentives to decrease the inappropriate use of emergency rooms and other issues related to the cost and quality of emergency services use (S.B. 119) (Buttars). *[Health and Human Services]*

HEALTH INSURANCE/COVERAGE

12. Insurance Costs for Chemotherapy - to study whether to prohibit an insurer from requiring a cancer patient to pay more for chemotherapy treatment that is administered orally rather than intravenously (S.B. 217) (Knudson). *[Bus/Labor]*
74. Insurance for Autism - to study whether the state should contract with an insurance company to provide an autism policy, available for purchase before a child is born, to pay the costs of treatment if the child has an autism spectrum disorder (Stephenson). *[Health and Human Services]*
17. Reinsurance Risk Pool - to study the establishment of a reinsurance risk pool for the small employer group health insurance and defined contribution arrangement market (H.B. 454) Biskupski/House Business & Labor). *[Bus/Labor]*
21. Sole Proprietors in Small Group Market - to study the impact on the small group market if it included sole proprietors, and the impact on sole proprietors (King). *[Bus/Labor]*
23. Worker Access to Job-based Health Insurance - to study how many, and what type, of employers do and do not offer health benefits to their employees, and what percentage of employees do not take advantage of employers' benefits and why (Biskupski). *[Bus/Labor]*

- 67. Consumer Health Care Affordability - to study what percentage of a family's or individual's gross annual income can reasonably be expected to go towards health insurance and health care, and at what level of income subsidies are needed (Litvack). *[Health and Human Services]*
- 78. Relationships Between Surgical Centers and Health Insurers - to study reimbursement levels and contracting relationships between ambulatory surgical centers and health insurers in the state (Killpack). *[Health and Human Services]*
- 66. CHIP Enrollment - to study disenrollment in the state's CHIP program (Holdaway). *[Health and Human Services]*
- 75. Medicaid Asset Test - to study the elimination of the Medicaid asset test (H.J.R. 22) (Chavez-Houck). *[Health and Human Services]*
- 105. Inmate Health Coverage - to study whether to require insurance companies to pay the health care cost of inmates covered by their policies (Ray). *[Law Enforcement]*
- PEHP - to study whether to require a competitive bidding or similar process prior to allowing the state to participate in the Public Employees' Health Program (H.B. 451) (Dee). *[Not assigned]*

MENTAL HEALTH

- 64. Assertive Community Mental Health Treatment Program - to study the establishment of an assertive mental health treatment pilot program for people with a severe mental disorder who are not receiving or are transitioning out of other mental health services, and for their families (H.B. 101) (Moss). *[Health and Human Services]*

MISCELLANEOUS

- 69. Health Disparities - to study how to address health disparity issues through policy (S.B. 55) (Robles). *[Health and Human Services]*